Inclusion of Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council in Sixth Schedule

†2483. SHRI SAMAN PATHAK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are taking concrete steps to provide constitutional security to Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council, by including it in Sixth Schedule, at the earliest;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the process is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) to (c) An "In Principle Memorandum of Settlement" has been signed on 06.12.2005 between the Government of India, Government of West Bengal and Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council (DGHC) for creating a new Council for the hill areas of Darjeeling District under the sixth Schedule of Constitution of India, to replace the existing DGHC, Creation of the new Council, to be known as Gorkha Hill Council, Darjeeling, would require due consultative, legislative and constitutional processes by both the State and Union Governments. It is not possible to indicate a time frame in which the process will be completed.

Police Officers appearing on Media

2484. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the guidelines for the Investigating Officers to appear on electronic media on sensitive issues of rape, kidnap and communal riots; and

(b) why police officers appear on Electronics Media on the happening of untoward incidents, instead of attending to their law and order duties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) 'Police' and 'Public Order' are State subjects under the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India. All crimes, which are essentially problems of law and order, are handled

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